



TECH CENTER 1600/2900

DEC 26 2001

RECEIVED

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1 and 13 as follows.

Please amend Claim 1 with the clean version that directly follows:

D1
Sub E1

Claim 1. (Amended Thrice) A film coated liquid implant formed by a method comprising:

injecting into a subject in need of said implant at an implant site a liquid polymeric composition for controlled release of hydrophobic bioactive substances comprising:

- (a) 1 to 30% w/v of a hydrophobic bioactive substance;
- (b) 1 to 20% w/v of a poly(lactide-co-glycolide) copolymer; wherein the weight ratio of the poly(lactide-co-glycolide) copolymer to the hydrophobic bioactive substance is 1:1 or less; and
- (c) a mixture of hydrophilic and lipophilic solvents is from about 65:35 to about 5:95;

wherein said composition is effective to form said film coated liquid implant at said implant site.

Please amend Claim 13 with the clean version directly following:

D2
Sub E2

Claim 13. (Amended Thrice) A film coated liquid implant formed by a method comprising:

injecting into a subject in need of said implant at an implant site a liquid polymeric composition comprising:

- (a) about 1-30% w/v of at least one bioactive substance;
- (b) about 1-20% w/v of at least one biologically acceptable polymer, wherein the weight ratio of the polymer to the bioactive substance is 1:1 or less; and
- (c) at least one lipophilic solvent or a mixture of at least one hydrophilic solvent and at least one lipophilic solvent, wherein the volume ratio of the hydrophilic and lipophilic

*P2
contd*
*Sub
E2*
solvents is from about 65:35 to about 0:100, and/or wherein the lipophilic solvent is present in an amount of at least about 16.5% by weight;

wherein said composition is effective to form a film coated liquid at said implant site.
